

## Kerry Cranney - Coastal Emu - Juvenile Delinquents

The Coast Emu is an endangered population; the Clarence Valley being their last remaining stronghold.

While raising chicks under my Wildlife Rehabilitation Authority, I observed they stick closely together, behave rather erratically and often dabble in mischief. Their curious antics inspired me to attempt to capture those crazy youthful moments I witnessed.

I used Acrylics and Impasto Gel Medium to build up numerous layers of colour and texture until I considered the individuality and character of these whimsical birds was reflected, despite their strong physical similarities. The title of the painting became apparent during the process.



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